



# First Day !

Weekly News and Opportunities at  
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
April 19, 2015

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## TODAY

Please join downstairs in Lyle Buck Hall for coffee fellowship following the 8:00 a.m. service (from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.) and following the Contemporary Service (from 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.) If you can help with this ministry please contact [discipleship@firstpreshc.org](mailto:discipleship@firstpreshc.org)



**LITURGIST:** Bruce (11:00)

**USHERS & GREETERS:** Angela (8:00); Craig (11:00); Brian (Tech Crew)

**AT THE WELCOME DESK FOLLOWING WORSHIP:** Angela (8:00); Brett (9:30)

**FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the Glory of God by Clarence in celebration of Ben birthday. Thanks be to God, who is about to do a new thing; and by Jon in the celebration of the marriage of Jon and Chrissy on Saturday, April 18.

The flower arranger is Jan.

**THE REMEMBRANCE CANDLE** this morning is to remember Bette Straehle, who died on April 24, 2014.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:** All worship begins in the Sanctuary.

At 8:00 a.m.: After Welcoming One Another: Children ages 4-7 may go with Ms. Kathy Moore to *Godly Play*. Parents can pick up their children following worship in rooms 110 & 113.

At 11:00 a.m.: After the Children's Prayer and Lord's Prayer: Children ages 4-7 may go with Ms. Kathy Moore to *Godly Play*. Parents can pick up their children following worship in rooms 110 & 113.

Older children, grades 2-5, may go with Ms. Virginia Callegary to *The Worship Bridge*. They will return to the sanctuary later in the worship service.

### **THIS MORNING WE WELCOME - The Rev. Jed Koball & Blake Collins**

Jed Koball is a PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker serving in Peru since January of 2009. Based in Lima, he facilitates global partnerships through the **Joining Hands Against Hunger** program, working to address root causes of poverty. Also, with his wife Jenny Valles, he co-coordinates the **Young Adult Volunteer (YAV)** program in Peru. Prior to arriving in Peru, Jed served as Associate Pastor of the Larchmont Avenue Church in Hudson River Presbytery for five years. Previous to that he worked in community development in Nicaragua. He is a graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary and St. Andrews University. He also served as a YAV in the Philippines many years ago.

Jed will be joined by Blake Collins, a member of First Presbyterian and former YAV who currently works for the PCUSA Mission Agency as a Mission Engagement Specialist.

## GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 19

**Please pray for:** Jeff Beale, Jowin Carbery, Joan Channel, Burta Cherry, Barb Dielmann, *Jean Ellestad*, Pat English, Blessing & Richard Gunden, Dorothy Heinks, Jerry Hinkel, Tom Jones, Gertrude Leamer, Vivian & Robert Miller, Bob Rasera, Dean Siedlecki, *Taylor Stacy*, Bunny Sturgill, Stan Werner, Milton Winyall, Murray & Shirley Weingarten, Shirley Wolf, Al & Beth Wyrick

**Recovering from Surgery:** Michael Bacon, Estelene Boratenski, *Richard Ellestad*, *Jeff Funk*

**May the peace of Christ be with the family Kathryn Mahlin, who died on Friday, April 17, 2015. The Service of the Witness to the Resurrection is Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.**

**Congratulations to Jon Barnett and Chrissy Rhoads who were married on Saturday, April 18, 2015.**

**PCUSA Mission Coworkers:** Jeff and Christi Boyd in Congo; Amanda Craft and Omar Chan in Guatemala; Jed and Jenny Koball in Peru.

*Please contact the church office, 410-730-3545, or Parish Visitor Ruth Bell, 443-668-1804 with the prayers and concerns that you would like to share.*



### PEOPLE ON THE WAY

**Maggie Kuhn** (August 3, 1905 – April 22, 1995). A Presbyterian, Maggie entered the work force in 1926, at age 21, and then in 1950 began a 20 year career at the Office of Social Education and Action Office of the Presbyterian Church USA. In 1970 we still had mandatory retirement at age 65 – and Maggie Kuhn was not happy about giving up a career she loved. She decided not to fade away. Her outrage and determination fueled a political chain reaction that forever changed the lives of older Americans, repealing mandatory retirement laws and providing that “old” is not a dirty word. Saying, “Don’t antagonize, organize!,” she took her own advice, and founded the Gray Panthers in 1971, one of the most potent social justice movements of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, committed to justice, peace and fairness for all, regardless of age. She lived her beliefs. On her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, she vowed to do something outrageous every week.

**We also remember: Earth Day**, begun in 1970, has become an international observance of the gift of our planet Earth, calling people of every religions and tradition to be stewards rather than owners of Earth. It is appropriate for Christians to celebrate today, for in the resurrection of Christ, we proclaim the renewal and rebirth not only of the human race, but of all God’s creation.

**THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE** focuses the prayers of Christians week by week, so that over the year all the countries of the world are prayed for.

This week: *Djibouti, Somalia*

Pray for:

- *Christian aid agencies, who do not give up on Somalia, even when they are exposed to frequent danger;*
- *Those suffering from malnutrition and facing starvation;*
- *Those who have no clean water to drink, and who suffer from otherwise preventable diseases and infections.*

For more information about the Prayer Cycle, visit the website of the World Council of Churches: [www.oikoumene.org](http://www.oikoumene.org)

### OUR MISSION PARTNERSHIP PRAYER CYCLE FOR 2015

*We pray for the churches and pastors of Baltimore Presbytery.*

- ✦ *Emmitsburg Church – Peter Keith, Stated Supply*
- ✦ *Faith Church in Baltimore City – Christa Burns, Pastor*
- ✦ *Fallston Church – Kimberly Secrist Ashby, Pastor*

## ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

### ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL

#### Bible in Depth

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Clark Parlor

“Bible stories you didn’t learn in Sunday School.”

a Bible study, led by Carl Engelbrecht

### WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Exploring the Book of Psalms, beginning Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor

### TABLE TALK: FOOD, FRIENDS AND CONVERSATION

Study at 7:00 p.m., ending at 8:30 p.m., Dessert will be served

#### First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God

We’re continuing our study of the historical Jesus and Jesus’ own teaching about the Kingdom of God, guided via DVD clips by John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg. Childcare is available. Please contact the church office.

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

#### TODAY Sunday, April 19

Mid-High Fellowship, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Senior High Fellowship, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, April 26 - Youth Sunday

Youth participating in worship at all three services

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RECOGNITION** in worship will be on **Sunday, May 10, 2015**. Please send information about your graduate to the church office, [execasst@firstpreshc.org](mailto:execasst@firstpreshc.org), by Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please send pictures to Mike Dombrowski, [dombrowski88@verizon.net](mailto:dombrowski88@verizon.net), by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP



**THE LUNCH BUNCH** is having its next gathering at *Peking Chef* in the Hickory Ridge Village Center on **Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30 a.m. Retirees and empty nesters are invited to enjoy some time out with friends and help pick the next time and location! Sign up at the Welcome Center or in the Lower Commons or email [discipleship@firstpreshc.org](mailto:discipleship@firstpreshc.org).

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE RUN FOR COFFEE!** Runners, walkers, and volunteers can sign up in the Lower Commons. The Run for Coffee is **Saturday, May 2, 2015** at 10:00 a.m. at Hopewell Park, Columbia.

**SHOES WANTED!** Bring your unwanted new and used shoes! We are doing a shoe drive with an organization called *Soles4Souls*. It is a global social enterprise dedicated to fighting the devastating impact of poverty. All kinds of shoes, including single shoes and sturdy flip flops are welcome. Please tie or

rubber band pairs together. There will be a collection box in the Lower Commons through **Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**. For any questions, contact Margot Watson at [margotewatson@aol.com](mailto:margotewatson@aol.com) or 410-992-3843. If you would like a tax receipt, it can be submitted at the following web address: [soles4souls.org/tax-receipt-form](http://soles4souls.org/tax-receipt-form).

### **JUST ONE CAN... PLUS! – April – BREAKFAST ITEMS**

As part of the Deacon's continuing campaign against hunger in Howard County, we are asking for specific supplements to our on-going initiative called *Just One Can*. Our featured category for April is extra donations of baby items. Recommended items are: diapers, wipes, formula, baby food. Please leave your regular contribution - plus baby items - in the wooden "Just One Can" bin in the Upper Commons across from the Welcome Center. Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the food-stressed of Howard County.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **EARTH FORUM OF HOWARD COUNTY**

#### ***Water Stories from Around the World***

***Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.***

#### **Earth Week: April 19-25, 2015**

Come, be a part of Earth Week. Listen to fascinating, first-hand stories of water in three unique cultures.

See how the need for water shapes the daily lives of people in Peru, Alaska, and Haiti. Learn, as featured speakers Jed Koball, Liz Bobo and Paul Berg develop the larger story of how the need for and impaired access to water in these three places interconnects with you and with every other person on the planet.

Following the program, enjoy tasty and nutritious refreshments. At the same time, view interesting water stories displays and talk with the exhibitors. Then attend Emphasis Action Group discussions led by the speakers, to learn about on-going water projects and how to connect with them.

The Earth Forum is free and open to all.

It is held at First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia

E-mail [earthforum@firstpreshc.org](mailto:earthforum@firstpreshc.org) or call 410-730-3545. Information at [www.earthforumhc.org](http://www.earthforumhc.org) or see us on Facebook.

***Join us for the Earth Forum!***



#### **WATER STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD Video Contest**

**30 second concept video clip is due Friday, April 23, 2015**

#### **Sponsored by the Earth Forum of Howard County**

Share your own your personal, first-hand, up close, visually compelling story of a project, event, activity or experience with water. Grab a camera and film short video concept clip of yourself telling who you are and the main ideas of your story. Send your concept video clip to: Water Video Contest, First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, MD 21045 Attn: Caroline Smith. Contact us at [earthforum@firstpreshc.org](mailto:earthforum@firstpreshc.org). See [www.earthforumhc.org](http://www.earthforumhc.org) for contest entry form and information.

**OUR CO-PASTORS** will be out of the office on Wednesday afternoon through Thursday evening. They will be attending the Baltimore Presbytery's Annual Clergy Retreat.

## **BRICK ORDERS!**

Has ordering a brick been on your to-do list? Now is the time to order! Order forms can be found at the Welcome Desk or order on-line at [www.bricksrus.com](http://www.bricksrus.com). Contact: Bruce Leipold.

## **COMPASSIONATE CAREGIVING: A NEW WAY OF BEING**

### ***Inspirit Counseling Services – Caregiver Retreat***

**Saturday, April 25, 2015, 1:00-5:00 p.m.**

Retreat Location: Arbutus United Methodist Church,  
1201 Maple Avenue, Arbutus, MD 21227

*Welcoming Professional and Non-Professional Caregivers Together*

An Opportunity for Caregivers to: identify signs of stress; develop healthy self-care; explore system and/or family dynamics; discover a spirituality of caregiving. Registration Cost: \$45.00

For more information visit [www.inspiritmaryland.org](http://www.inspiritmaryland.org) or call 800-427-4027, x140

## **SPRING GATHERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN BALTIMORE**

**Saturday, April 25, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** at Hunting Ridge Presbyterian

*Mosaic of Peace* – the event will feature guest speaker Eva Hendrix-Shovlin, a participant of the Israel Palestine PC(USA) Mosaic of Peace Conference.

Registration fee is \$12.00 includes brunch. Sign-up sheet is on the PW bulletin board outside of Room 203. Deadline for registering is Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **SPRING CONCERT AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**NEXT Sunday, April 26, 2015** at 5:00 p.m.

Our musical ensembles and members of our congregation are getting together for an afternoon concert. Talented youth soloists! Favorite anthems! Come enjoy the gift of music! Reception to follow.

## **WALKING WITH THE WOMEN OF GUATEMALA – A DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES**

**Thursday, April 30, 2015** at 7:30 p.m.

Sandi and Brian Thompson-Royer, PCUSA mission co-workers serving in Guatemala will be at First Pres to talk about their ministry with Guatemalan women. Guatemalan women, particularly those of indigenous origin, struggle to have their voices heard in society, churches, and families. The National Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Guatemala (IENPG) invited Sandi to help Guatemalan women develop leadership skills. She serves alongside the Women's Synod Union, an organization of the IENPG. In addition to facilitating leadership development opportunities, she works with leaders of the Women's Synod Union to strengthen relationships with IENPG institutions and aids the work of the local committees of the women's organization. Sandi also helps build relationships between the Women's Synod Union and sister organizations such as the Presbyterian Women of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Sandi's husband Brian assists her in this work.

For more information, contact the church office.

## **PENTECOST GERANIUMS**

Decorate the sanctuary with red geraniums on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015

Order forms are available at the Welcome Desk.

Plants are \$5.00 each.

The deadline to order is **Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Contact: Jan Agazio at 410-309-0290, [janicebga@aol.com](mailto:janicebga@aol.com).



# Weekly Calendar

## Every Sunday

8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
Infant & Toddler Care is available all morning  
Godly Play (age 4 – grade 1) during 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. services  
The Worship Bridge (grades 2 – 5) during 11:00 a.m. service  
9:30 a.m. Church School for all ages & First Forum 📖  
10:30 a.m. Backpack Project Packing

## Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

EARTH SUNDAY

2:00 p.m. Earth Forum  
6:30 p.m. Mid-High Fellowship  
Senior High Fellowship  
Ruth Circle

## Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting  
Hannah Circle

## Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
12:00 p.m. Baltimore Presbytery Clergy Retreat thru Thursday  
1:00 p.m. Knitting Fellowship  
Tidings Folded  
7:00 p.m. Table Talk  
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

6:30 p.m. The Spirit Project Rehearsal  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

9:15 a.m. Deborah Circle  
1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

## Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Walking Group at Centennial Park

## Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 p.m. Spring Concert & Reception

For more events throughout the week at First Presbyterian Church, please check the calendar on our website at [www.firstpreshc.org](http://www.firstpreshc.org), the current issue of Tidings, or call the church office 410-730-3545.

A Weekly Email is sent every Friday, if you would like to receive it please contact the church office.

To submit news or events for the weekly bulletin **First Day!** please email to: [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org) by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

To submit articles for Tidings, our monthly newsletter, please send articles by email to: [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org) by **Thursday, May 14, 2015** at 9:00 a.m. for the June 2015 Issue #6.